

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1375

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate country music legend Loretta Lynn on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, country music legend Loretta Lynn will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on April 14, 2022, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lynn was born on April 14, 1932, in Butcher Hollow, Kentucky; she and her late husband, Mooney, came to find their longtime home of Hurricane Mills in 1966, when they were looking for a larger piece of property but got lost on a backroad and stumbled upon the "Big House"; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynn instantly fell in love with the home and the property; as she says in her book *Coal Miner's Daughter*, "All of a sudden, I saw this huge old house built on a hill...I never pictured myself as Scarlett O'Hara, not hardly, but I could picture myself in that house"; and

WHEREAS, the house was, however, in shambles when the couple first purchased it, as no one had lived in it in approximately two decades; the original purchase was 1,450 acres, cattle, equipment, the house, and the actual town of Hurricane Mills; and

WHEREAS, Loretta and Mooney quickly became friends with the local community as they started managing their farm and updating their house; over the course of many years, the couple started to open Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Campground, after which the family began

hosting many events, which brought awareness to the area as well as significant tourism revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lynn family has always been a significant part of the community in Humphreys County, hiring locals for special events, hosting events for the community, and raising awareness of local businesses, donations, sponsorships, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynn was not just a country music star, she was a neighbor in the community; she and her husband transformed the property into not only a ranch but an affordable place for her fans to visit, bringing much-needed economic impact to Humphreys County. Many other neighboring tourism businesses thrive due to this anchor of the community; and

WHEREAS, even though the ranch sustained enormous damage and the loss of a dear friend and maintenance foreman of many years, Wayne Spears, due to flooding in 2021, the Lynn family went about finding ways to aid the community—from concerts and housing folks who had lost their homes, to daily broadcasts letting people know where and how to get help, each member of the family did their part, including Loretta Lynn herself; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate country music legend Loretta Lynn on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.